

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2006. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 15-16, 23, 27-29, 31 and 33 are currently pending in this application, with claims 6, 15, 16, 23, 27, 28, 29, and 31 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Allowable subject matter

Page 5 of the Office Action indicates that claims 6, 15, 23, 27-29, 31 and 33 contain allowable subject matter.

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that the claims contain allowable subject matter.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Page 3 of the Office Action includes a rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

While not conceding the propriety of these rejections and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claim 16 has been amended.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

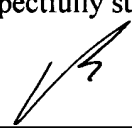
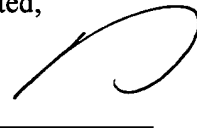
For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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